IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) An air intake duct for a vehicle, comprising:

an air exhaust port having a cross-section of a rectangular shape; and

a cuttable groove formed at an external wall of said air exhaust port for inserting an air filter into said air intake duct through a hole formed by cutting out said groove.

2. (Original) The duct as defined in claim 1, wherein said cuttable groove is in the form of a continuous channel around a closed rectangular shape and is formed on a surface facing the insertion direction of said air filter.

3. (Original) The duct as defined in claim 1, wherein said cuttable groove is dug in 3/4 in relation to the wall thickness of said air intake duct.

4. (Original) The duct as defined in claim 1, wherein said air exhaust port is coupled to an inlet portion of a blower housing.

5. (New) An air intake duct for a vehicle, comprising:

an air exhaust port having an approximately rectangular cross-section; and

a groove having an opening and a bottom that is more narrow than said opening, wherein said groove is dug into an external wall of said air exhaust port and said groove is configured for insertion of an air filter upon cutting out said bottom to form a hole in said external wall.

6. (New) The duct as defined in claim 5, wherein said groove is in the form of a continuous channel around a closed rectangular shape and is formed on a surface facing the insertion direction of said air filter.

7. (New) The duct as defined in claim 5, wherein said groove is dug in 3/4 in relation to the wall thickness of said air intake duct.

8. (New) The duct as defined in claim 5, wherein said air exhaust port is coupled to an inlet portion of a blower housing.

9. (New) An air intake duct for a vehicle, comprising:

an air exhaust port defined by a plurality of walls having inside surfaces and outside surfaces; and

an air filter receiving portion formed on the outside surface of one said wall, said receiving portion comprising an inner wall portion surrounded by a peripheral groove, wherein said groove is formed in the outside surface of the wall such that the wall is thinned at the groove and said inner wall portion is configured and dimensioned to define an opening when removed that is adapted to receive an air filter.

10. (New) The air intake duct of claim 9, wherein said peripheral groove extends into said wall by approximately 3/4 of the wall thickness.